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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing apparatus comprising:
 - a memory section for storing GPS position information received from a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program;
 - a multiplex processing section for multiplexing on a digital broadcast signal of the corresponding program,
 - 1) GPS position information received from the movable body,
 - 2) GPS position information and imaging area information received from an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, and
 - 3) mapping information , which indicates position information of the movable body and position information of the imaging apparatus on a map,
 - a display for displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes
comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for
mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map and displaying a positional

relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing apparatus comprising:

a mapping processing section for mapping on a map position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program and position information of an imaging apparatus on a basis of information of a map, GPS position information received from the movable body and GPS position information received from the imaging apparatus,

wherein the imaging apparatus is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

a multiplex processing section for multiplexing mapping information generated by said mapping processing section on a digital broadcast signal; and

a display for displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map and displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map , matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

3-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said multiplex processing section multiplexes profile information concerning the movable body on the digital broadcast signal.

8. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said profile information includes uniform resource locator (URL) information or mail address information, both being for access to information concerning the movable body.

9. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing apparatus comprising:

a mapping processing section for separating from a digital broadcast signal that was received or reproduced GPS position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program and GPS position information of an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, to map position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map on a basis of information of a map, GPS position information of the movable body and GPS position information of the imaging apparatus; and

a multiplex processing section for multiplexing mapping information generated in said mapping processing section on a digital broadcast signal of the corresponding program; and

a display for displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes
comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a

view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map and displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing apparatus comprising:

a memory section for storing profile information concerning a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program; and

a multiplex processing section for multiplexing on a digital broadcast signal the profile information, position information of an imaging apparatus that was received or reproduced, and mapping information indicating position information of the imaging apparatus on a map,

wherein the imaging apparatus is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

a display for displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map and displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function

estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

13. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast signal processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein position information of the movable body that is the object, mapping information generated by mapping of the position information of the movable body that is the object and/or position information of an imaging apparatus on a map, imaging area information by the imaging apparatus and object information by the imaging apparatus is multiplexed on the digital broadcast signal.

14. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said profile information includes uniform resource locator (URL) information or mail address information for access to information concerning the movable body.

15-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the steps of:

reading out GPS position information received from a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program;

reading out GPS position information received from an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is

disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

multiplexing GPS position information received from the movable body, GPS position information received from the imaging apparatus, and mapping information indicating position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map on a digital broadcast signal of the corresponding program; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function

estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

24. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the steps of:

mapping on a map position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program and position information of an imaging apparatus on a basis of information of a map, GPS position information received from the movable body and GPS position information received from the imaging apparatus,

wherein the imaging apparatus is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

multiplexing mapping information generated in said mapping step on a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches

identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

25-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the steps of:

reading out GPS position information received from a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program;

reading out imaging area information by an imaging apparatus;

reading out GPS position information received from an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

multiplexing GPS position information received from the movable body, GPS position information received from the imaging apparatus, the imaging area information, and

mapping information indicating position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map on a digital broadcast signal of the corresponding program; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

29. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing method according to claim 24, said method further comprising a step of:

multiplexing profile information concerning the movable body on the digital broadcast signal.

30. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing method according to claim 29, wherein the profile information includes uniform resource locator (URL) information or mail address information, both being for access to information concerning the movable body.

31. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the steps of:

separating from a digital broadcast signal that was received or reproduced GPS position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program and GPS position information of an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, to map position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map on a basis of information of a map, GPS position information of the movable body and GPS position information of the imaging apparatus; and

multiplexing mapping information generated in said step on a digital broadcast signal of the corresponding program; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of

a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

32-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the steps of:

reading out profile information concerning a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program;

reading out GPS position information of an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program; and

multiplexing the profile information concerning the movable body, the GPS position information of the movable body, and mapping information indicating position information of the movable body on a map on a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

35. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcast signal processing method according to claim 34, wherein position information of the movable body that is the object, mapping information generated by mapping of the position information of the movable body that is the object and/or position information of an imaging apparatus on a map, imaging area information by the imaging apparatus and object information by the imaging apparatus is multiplexed on the digital broadcast signal.

36. (Original) The digital broadcast signal processing method according to claim 34, wherein said profile information includes uniform resource locator (URL) information or mail address information for access to information concerning the movable body.

37-44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the processes of:

multiplexing on a picture signal GPS position information received from a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program, GPS position information received from an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, and mapping information indicating position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map; and

transmitting the picture signal after the multiplexing process as a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

46. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the processes of:

multiplexing on a picture signal GPS position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program, GPS position information of an imaging apparatus that

is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, imaging area information by the imaging apparatus, and mapping information indicating position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map; and
transmitting the picture signal after the multiplexing process as a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function

estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

47. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the processes of:

multiplexing on a picture signal mapping information generated by mapping on a map position information of a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program and position information of an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program on a basis of information of a map, GPS position information received from the movable body and GPS position information received from the imaging apparatus; and

transmitting the picture signal after the multiplexing process as a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches

identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast signal processing method comprising the processes of:

multiplexing on a picture signal profile information concerning a movable body that is an object in a corresponding program, GPS position information of an imaging apparatus that is operable to acquire imaging area information concerning the corresponding program and is disposed mechanically independent of a movable body that is an object in the corresponding program, and mapping information indicating position information of the movable body and the imaging apparatus on a map; and

transmitting the picture signal after the multiplexing process as a digital broadcast signal; and

displaying a plurality of modes and display objects related to the selection of each of the plurality of modes for display purposes, the plurality of modes comprising: a mode for

displaying a specific object chasing function, a mode for displaying a view from a specific camera, a mode for displaying specific profile information, and a mode for mapping positions of a plurality of movable bodies on the map; and

displaying a positional relationship between the movable bodies on the screen as a function of the multiplexing processing section,

wherein, when a specific object chasing function is selected, the display maps the positions of the specific object and plurality of movable bodies on the map, matches identification information of the specific object, and determines whether an image of an apparatus is showing the specific object,

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the image of the imaging apparatus is selected, and

wherein, if the specific object chasing function determines that the specific object is not included in the image of an imaging apparatus, the specific object chasing function estimates which imaging apparatus will show the specific object next, and selects the imaging apparatus that will show the specific object next. and displays an image of an imaging apparatus mounted on the specific object when the specific object is not a subject of the plurality imaging apparatuses.

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